

Dear ESPN President, Dear ESPN councilors,

I am honored to submit my candidacy for the Council of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology. As Professor of Pediatric Nephrology and Head of the Division of Pediatric Nephrology at Istanbul University Istanbul Faculty of Medicine, the oldest university in Türkiye, I would be privileged to contribute to the future direction and mission of ESPN.

Throughout my academic and clinical career, I have been committed to advancing pediatric nephrology through patient care, research, education, and international collaboration. Working in a high-volume tertiary referral center has provided me with extensive experience in managing complex pediatric kidney diseases while also training medical students, residents, fellows, and young pediatric nephrologists. I strongly believe that education and mentorship are among the most important responsibilities of our profession.

My research interests include glomerular diseases, urinary tract infections, biomarkers, and pediatric chronic kidney disease. Over the years, I have actively contributed to scientific meetings, collaborative projects, and academic publications in the field of pediatric nephrology. Equally important to me has been building bridges between colleagues from different countries and supporting the development of young physicians who represent the future of our specialty.

ESPN has played a central role in shaping pediatric nephrology in Europe and beyond. I have greatly benefited from its educational activities, scientific support, and collaborative spirit throughout my career. Serving on the Council would provide me with an opportunity to give back to the society and to contribute actively to its continued growth and inclusiveness.

If elected, I would particularly aim to:

- strengthen collaboration between pediatric nephrology centers across Europe and neighboring regions,
- support educational and mentorship opportunities for young nephrologists,
- encourage multicenter research initiatives,
- promote diversity, inclusiveness, and international scientific exchange within ESPN,
- and contribute to the visibility and impact of pediatric nephrology globally.

I believe that my academic experience, leadership background, and strong commitment to international collaboration would allow me to make a meaningful contribution to the ESPN Council. I would be deeply honored to serve our community and work together with colleagues to further advance pediatric nephrology for children and families worldwide.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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